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Representative Armistead Selden (D., Ala.), having listened to Sen. Fulbright castigate the United States for its boorish attempt to save Santo Domingo from Communism, turned to the report issued by Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee ("Background Information to the Dominican Republic") and found that it was based, almost exclusively, on newspaper reports from the *N.Y. Times*' Tad Szulc, the *Herald Tribune*'s Bernard Collier, the *Washington Post*'s Dan Kurzman. Reporters such as Marguerite Higgins, Eric Sevareid, Hal Hendrix, Jules Dubois, Jerry O'Leary, whose accounts of the events were very different, were not mentioned in the Committee report. Nor was testimony by former Ambassador John Bartlow Martin. Intrigued, Congressman Selden set about checking out the facts in the Fulbright document, and what do you know, he found all sorts of falsifications in the *Post*, *Trib* and *Times* stories—such as running photographs taken of Marines during the active fighting with stories several weeks later when a cease-fire was in effect to show that the U.S. was not really being neutral. Congressman Selden's dissection of the Fulbright report is well worth reading (*Congressional Record*, Sept. 23, p. 24073).